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ALL-COUNTY LETTER NO. 87-94

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
ALL COUNTY AUDITORS
ALL COUNTY FISCAL OFFICERS

ALL COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS

SUBJECT: AB 2520 CHILDREN PLACED WITH REGIONAL CENTER VENDORS

REFERENCE: ACIN NO. I-11-87, DATED FEBRUARY 24, 1987 ACL NO. 87-64, DATED APRIL 30, 1987 ACL NO. 87-71, DATED MAY 14, 1987

The purpose of this letter is to provide further information and instructions to counties regarding implementation of AB 2520 (Chapter 355, Statutes of 1986). As of July 1, 1987, this statute requires payment of the rate set by the State Department of Developmental Services (SDDS) for children with developmental disabilities who are both Aid to Families with Dependent Children-Foster Care (AFDC-FC) eligible and clients of regional centers.

ACL 87-71 transmitted fiscal claiming instructions for these dual agency children placed in group homes and stated that payments and all other fiscal transactions made at the SDDS rate for an AFDC-FC recipient must be coded on the AFDC-FC payroll with an"X." This "X" is preceded by a four digit program number such as 0143X issued by the Foster Care Rates Bureau to group home providers who accept AFDC-FC children for placement.

It has come to our attention that some group home providers who are regional center vendors do not have an AFDC-FC program number. In order for counties to claim AFDC-FC payments for children placed with these providers, the providers will be required to submit a modified AFDC-FC Group Home Rate Request. The contents of this rate request are as follows:

- 1. An FCR 1, 2 and 2A;
- 2. A copy of the current group home license issued by Community Care Licensing;
- 3. A copy of the Federal Internal Revenue Service nonprofit letter if the group home is a nonprofit corporation.

If you are aware of providers in this category, please notify them of this requirement and ask them to contact the Foster Care

Rates Bureau for blank FCR forms and other information. As soon as these providers have complied and the Foster Care Rates Bureau has issued a program number, payments to these providers may be claimed. Payments and other fiscal transactions shall be identified in the same manner as payments for other AB 2520 children in group homes as instructed in ACL NO. 87-71.

It is also important to note the following: If such a provider chooses in the future to accept children who are AFDC-FC eligible but are not regional center clients, the provider would not have an AFDC-FC rate for these children. To be eligible for State participation in an AFDC-FC rate, the provider would be required to submit a complete rate request to the Foster Care Rates Bureau.

Questions regarding the claiming of payments under provisions of AB 2520 should be directed to Ms. Willa Wallen, Fiscal Policy and Procedures Bureau, at (916) 322-9288 or ATSS 492-9288. Questions regarding rates should be directed to the Foster Care Rates Bureau at (916) 323-1263.

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